

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, and 8, and withdraw Claims 9 – 12 as indicated below:

Claim 1. (Currently amended): A package useful for packaging fish or other perishable food items, ~~the package comprising a multilayer polymer film covering packaged fish or other food item wherein the multilayer polymer film has~~ having at least one adsorbent layer comprising at least one adsorbent polymer that removes volatile odiferous compounds from a headspace between the multilayer polymer film and the packaged fish or other food item inside of the package, wherein the adsorbent polymer comprises ~~consists essentially of~~ a copolymer of ethylene with an α,β -ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid having from 3 to 8 carbon atoms.

Claim 2. (Original): The package of Claim 1, wherein the copolymer of ethylene and α,β -ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid has up to 99% of the carboxylic acid groups neutralized by metal ions.

Claim 3. (Currently amended): The package of Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein the multilayer polymer film has a sealant layer, the sealant layer being the ~~topmost layer of the film such that the sealant layer is in direct contact with the packaged fish or other perishable food item~~, wherein the ~~absorbent~~ adsorbent layer is the sealant layer.

Claim 4. (Currently amended): The package of Claim 1 or Claim 2 wherein the film additionally contains ~~comprises~~ active ingredients with amine adsorption ~~which have as one of their properties the adsorption of amines, whereby the capacity of the adsorbent polymer in an amount sufficient to hinder the adsorbent layer's adsorption of amines emanating from fresh fish or perishable foods contained in package over a 72-hour period to adsorb the amine is reduced, and whereby the capacity of the adsorbent polymers to adsorb amines is reduced to a level at or below the level of adsorption that would be occur over a 72-hour period without the active ingredient added to the film~~ level of amines generated by fish that is unfit for consumption.

Claim 5. (Currently amended): The package of Claim 3 wherein the film additionally contains ~~comprises~~ active ingredients with amine adsorption ~~has~~

~~which have as one of their properties the adsorption of amines, whereby the capacity of the adsorbent polymer in an amount sufficient to hinder the adsorbent layer's adsorption of amines emanating from fresh fish or perishable foods contained in package over a 72-hour period to adsorb the amine is reduced, and whereby the capacity of the adsorbent polymers to adsorb amines is reduced to a level at or below the level of adsorption that would occur over a 72-hour period without the active ingredient added to the film level of amines generated by fish that is unfit for consumption.~~

Claim 6. (Original): The package of Claim 1 wherein the copolymer comprises from about 1 to about 50% of acid comonomer, by weight, based on the weight of the copolymer.

Claim 7. (Original): The package of Claim 5, wherein the copolymer comprises from about 2 to about 19% of acid comonomer, by weight, based on the weight of the copolymer.

Claim 8. (Currently amended): The package of claim 1, wherein the package headspace has a modified atmosphere headspace.

Claims 9 – 12 (Withdrawn).
